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My dear Sir

I have hopes of beating Parry and of reaching
the North Pole. A day or two after I had the pleasure of seeing
you, I went in quest of Beutham's house. I had seen it once
and flattered myself by being able to find you. I set the
first cruise down into King's Expedition. The next time I
sailed the Straits and got into the Polar sea, but could
not reach the Pole. But the third and last time
I fairly stopped at Mr Beutham's door and found nobody
a fortune that will be very likely to enable poor Parry should
his zeal and perseverance equal mine.

In plain English I made two efforts to see you
before I got fairly into Beutham's Gulf, and when I arrived
you were in the country.

Shall I not have the pleasure of seeing you, again,
before you quit England?

Yours very truly

J. Fenimore Cooper